

# Local mode axis tilting in H<sub>2</sub>S

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## Abstract

A physically intuitive non-resonant local mode axis tilting model for the interpretation of higher overtone bands of  $XH_2$  species is outlined and illustrated by reference to the near-infrared of spectrum  $H_2S$ . Quantitative connections with the conventional normal mode resonance coupled picture are derived and local mode band expressions for the vibrational-rotational wavefunctions are given. Constants are reported for the (31 1)-(212) and (302)-(203) bands at 11008  $\text{NW1}$  and 12149  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively.

# I. Introduction

Despite the computational efficiency of conventional normal mode techniques for the analysis of rotational-vibrational spectra, the overtone bands of small symmetrical hydrides have certain features that favour an alternative local mode interpretation. In the first place local mode vibrational splittings can become small compared with rotational energy differences [1]. Secondly the conditions that allow vibrational localization also lead to local mode relationships between coefficients in the vibrational-rotational Hamiltonian [2]. Finally the change from normal mode to local mode character affects the vibrational interactions. Particular attention has been given to the effects of the  $H_{22}$  terms in the Hamiltonian because resonance coupling terms that are off diagonal in  $q_1 q_3$  in normal coordinate terminology become vibrationally diagonal in an appropriate local mode representation [3-5], thereby contributing an inertial term that lowers the apparent symmetry of the species in question. The strength of Coriolis coupling is also found to be progressively quenched as the local mode limit is reached [6-8].

The first such local mode effects on rotational structure were reported for  $NH_3$  by Ovchinnikova [3], and the clearest general formulation is by Lehmann [4]. The most striking results to date apply to  $XH_4$  hydrides, which were predicted by normal mode simulations [2], to show symmetric top rotational structure in their  $|n000\rangle$  local mode bands. The observation of this effect, first for  $GeH_4$  [9-10] and then for other species [11-14], was followed by a local mode interpretation [4,5] based on the use of bond coordinates combined with an inertial axis transformation to allow quantization around the uniquely excited bond. A detailed discussion of the spatial properties of the local mode based rotational eigenstates has also been given [15].

The present paper applies similar ideas to the overtone bands of  $XH_2$  species, with particular reference to  $H_2S$ . Experimentally more than 30 bands are known for the  $^{32}S$  isotope [16-23] and an accurate potential surface has been deduced [24]. Many of the higher bands show increasing evidence of the four-fold clustering associated with close local mode degeneracies in near symmetric tops [2,4,24]. The present paper was stimulated by the observation that, the onset of an increasingly strong  $H_{22}$  (or  $\alpha$ ) resonance between essentially degenerate pairs of local vibrational states leads to ambiguities in the rotational assignments. In addition, as discussed below, if the constraint to  $C_{2v}$  symmetry is relaxed, alternative assignments lead to an equally accurate non-resonant simulation and the resulting spectroscopic absorption bands have hybrid character. The physically intuitive explanation, which was first advanced by Lehmann is that elimination of the  $H_{22}$  resonance term can be accommodated by a tilting of the inertial axes. The purpose of this paper is to develop the detailed theory of this local mode tilting effect.

The theory extends the work of Lukka and Halonen [25] but follows Lehmann [3] in transforming the quantization axis to lie perpendicular to the molecular plane, in order to facilitate the axis tilting argument. The angle of tilt is then shown to depend on the ratio between the  $H_{22}$  resonance term  $C_{xy}$  and the rotational constant asymmetry,  $A_v - B_v$ , in the resonant-normal mode description. Expressions are given for the effective asymmetry in the uncoupled representation, local mode forms for the symmetrised rovibrational wavefunctions, the relative  $A$  type and  $B$

type transition amplitudes and the first-order deviations from predicted local mode vibrational-rotational degeneracies. Wang and Zhu [26] have recently considered the effects of rotation on these near degeneracies by analysis of the wavefunction in the  $I^r$  representation

The main results of the paper are highlighted in section 3. Finally the theory is applied to the overtone spectra of  $H_2S$  in section 4. The non-resonant local mode model is shown to become superior to the conventional Coriolis resonance model for the higher overtone bands, both for assignment purposes and for controlling the number of fitting parameters. The relative advantages of the  $AI^r$  and  $AIII^r$  reduction schemes are also discussed. The former appears to be preferable for fitting purposes, but the latter gives rise to relatively unmixed wavefunctions. The centrifugal distortion constants in the  $AIII^r$  reduction are also found to be much less sensitive to the change from a resonant to a non-resonant model than those in the  $AI^r$  reduction.

## II. The local mode axis tilting model

The vibrational-rotational spectra of bent  $XH_2$  species are normally analysed in the  $I^r$  axis system [27], with the molecule in the  $xz$  plane. It is however more convenient for present purposes to employ the  $III^r$  system, with  $z$  perpendicular to this plane (see Fig. 1), so that the axis tilt occurs around the quantization axis.

Some notes on non-standard aspects of the notation may be helpful. The first and second quantum numbers in the local mode symbol  $|nm\rangle$  refer to bonds  $r_a$  and  $r_b$  respectively, with the assumption that  $n \gg m$ . Symmetrised and antisymmetrised combinations are denoted as usual by  $|nm\pm\rangle$ . It is also useful to emphasise geometrical aspects of the axis tilting argument by recognising that  $r_a$  is the predominantly excited bond in state  $|nm\rangle$  and  $r_b$  in the state  $|mn\rangle$ . Thus the introduction of alternative symbols  $|a\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle$  for  $|nm\rangle$  and  $|mn\rangle$  respectively, allows the use for  $H_{aa}$  for the vibrationally averaged rotational Hamiltonian with inertial axes tilted in response to predominant excitation of  $r_a$  and similarly for  $H_{bb}$  and  $r_b$ . Corresponding notations  $|JK\rangle_a$  and  $|JK\rangle_b$  are adopted for symmetric top states defined with respect to the two tilted axis systems, while  $|JK\rangle$  without a subscript, is used for states defined with respect to the  $C_{2v}$  inertial axes.

The relevant leading terms of the vibrational-rotational Hamiltonian in the  $III^r$  system take the form [25].

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}/hc = & \hat{G}_v + A\hat{J}_x^2 + B\hat{J}_y^2 + C\hat{J}_z^2 \\ & - \bar{q}_1^2(\alpha_1^{(x)}\hat{J}_x^2 + \alpha_1^{(y)}\hat{J}_y^2 + \alpha_1^{(z)}\hat{J}_z^2) - \bar{q}_3^2(\alpha_3^{(x)}\hat{J}_x^2 + \alpha_3^{(y)}\hat{J}_y^2 + \alpha_3^{(z)}\hat{J}_z^2) \\ & + d_{13}q_1q_3(\hat{J}_x\hat{J}_y + \hat{J}_y\hat{J}_x). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Complications due to interaction with the bending mode  $q_2$  may well be important in practice, but they have no bearing on the tilting mechanism. The Coriolis term has also been omitted because it is known that  $\zeta_{13}^{(z)} = 0$  (for our axis system) in the local mode limit [2,4,6]. Local mode axis tilting is attributed to competition between normal rotational asymmetry associated with the difference  $(A - B)$  and the final  $H_{22}$  resonance term in equation (1), in circumstances where vibrational energy

differences arising from the vibrational operator  $\hat{G}_v$  are small compared with the term in  $d_{13}$ . The  $2 \times 2$  matrix represent at ion of the vibrational operator  $\hat{G}_v$  is diagonal in the normal mode represent at ion, with elements  $\pm\epsilon$ , and purely off-diagonal in the local mode represent at ion, with elements  $\epsilon$ .

Following previous authors [25] we replace the scaled normal coordinates  $(q_1, q_3)$  by bond displacements  $(r_a, r_b)$  so that, with  $q_1 = (r_a + r_b)/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $q_3 = (r_a - r_b)/\sqrt{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}/hc = & \hat{G}_v + A\hat{J}_x^2 + B\hat{J}_y^2 + C\hat{J}_z^2 \\ & - (\bar{r}_a^2 + \bar{r}_b^2)[\alpha_+^{(x)}\hat{J}_x^2 + \alpha_+^{(y)}\hat{J}_y^2 + \alpha_+^{(z)}\hat{J}_z^2] \\ & - 2\bar{r}_a\bar{r}_b[\alpha_-^{(x)}\hat{J}_x^2 + \alpha_-^{(y)}\hat{J}_y^2 + \alpha_-^{(z)}\hat{J}_z^2] \\ & + \frac{1}{2}d_{13}(\bar{r}_a^2 - \bar{r}_b^2)(\hat{J}_x\hat{J}_y + \hat{J}_y\hat{J}_x) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\alpha_{\pm}^{(\xi)} = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_1^{(\xi)} \pm \alpha_3^{(\xi)}), \quad \xi = x, y, z \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{r}_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\beta r_i^2 + \hbar^2\beta^{-1}p_i^2) \quad i = a, b \quad (4)$$

$$\bar{r}_a\bar{r}_b = \frac{1}{2}(\beta r_a r_b + \hbar^2\beta^{-1}p_a p_b) \quad (5)$$

The parameter  $\beta$  is the scaling parameter for harmonic oscillations of an individual bond:

$$\beta = 2(\pi c\omega_b/\hbar)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\omega_b$  is the bond frequency.

The assumed vibrational near-degeneracy now permits the introduction of bond localised states

$$|a\rangle = |nm\rangle, \quad |b\rangle = |mn\rangle \quad (7)$$

in which the first and second quantum numbers specify excitation in bonds  $r_a$  and  $r_b$  respectively, with  $n \gg m$  in the local mode limit. The resulting vibrational matrix elements of  $\hat{H}$  are conveniently expressed in the forms

$$\hat{H}_{aa}/hc = A_v\hat{J}_x^2 + B_v\hat{J}_y^2 + C_v\hat{J}_z^2 + C_{xy}(\hat{J}_x\hat{J}_y + \hat{J}_y\hat{J}_x) \quad (8a)$$

$$\hat{H}_{bb}/hc = A_v\hat{J}_x^2 + B_v\hat{J}_y^2 + C_v\hat{J}_z^2 - C_{xy}(\hat{J}_x\hat{J}_y + \hat{J}_y\hat{J}_x) \quad (8b)$$

$$\hat{H}_{ab}/hc = \epsilon - 2\langle nm|\bar{r}_a\bar{r}_b|mn\rangle[\alpha_-^{(x)}\hat{J}_x^2 + \alpha_-^{(y)}\hat{J}_y^2 + \alpha_-^{(z)}\hat{J}_z^2] \quad (8c)$$

where

$$A_v = A - \langle r^2 \rangle \alpha_+^{(x)} \text{ etc} \quad (9)$$

$$C_{xy} = d_{13} \langle \delta r^2 \rangle \quad (10)$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_a = \langle nm | \bar{r}_a^2 + \bar{r}_b^2 | nm \rangle = \langle n | \bar{r}_a^2 | n \rangle + \langle m | \bar{r}_b^2 | m \rangle \quad (11)$$

$$\langle \delta r^2 \rangle = \langle nm | \bar{r}_a^2 - \bar{r}_b^2 | nm \rangle = \langle n | \bar{r}_a^2 | n \rangle - \langle m | \bar{r}_b^2 | m \rangle \quad (12)$$

All other vibrational matrix elements are zero. Moreover the off-diagonal term  $H_{ab}$  also becomes vanishingly small in the local mode limit because both the local mode splitting, represented by  $2\epsilon$  in the present notation, and the  $\alpha$  difference terms  $\alpha_{\pm}^{(\xi)}$ ,  $\xi = x, y, z$  tend to zero [2,4,6]. Secondly  $\langle nm | \bar{r}_a \bar{r}_b | mn \rangle$  is subject to the selection rule  $n - m = \pm 1$  in the harmonic limit and it is assumed that  $n \gg m$ .

Equations (8a), (8b), (10) and (12) show that the  $H_{22}$  resonance term in normal mode theory appears in local mode theory as an off-diagonal inertial term, with a magnitude that depends on the disparity between the mean squared displacements of the two inequivalently excited bonds. The sign difference between (8a) and (8b) dictates an axis tilt to principal axes in one direction or the other according to whether  $r_a$  or  $r_b$  is the longer bond (see Fig. 1).

The transformation to the principal axes of  $H_{aa}$  may be expressed in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{J}_x \\ \hat{J}_y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \eta & -\sin \eta \\ \sin \eta & \cos \eta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{J}_x^{(a)} \\ \hat{J}_y^{(a)} \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\hat{J}_z = \hat{J}_z^{(a)}$$

where the superscript  $a$  designates principal axes in local mode state  $|a\rangle$   $\hat{H}_{aa}$  itself reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{aa}/hc &= \frac{1}{2} (A_v + B_v) (\hat{J}_x^{(a)2} + \hat{J}_y^{(a)2}) + C_v \hat{J}_z^{(a)2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} (A - B)_{eff} (\hat{J}_x^{(a)2} - \hat{J}_y^{(a)2}) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

The quantities of  $\eta$  and  $(A - B)_{eff}$  are given by

$$\tan(2\eta) = [4C_{xy}/(A_v - B_v)] \quad (15)$$

$$(A - B)_{eff} = [(A_v - B_v)^2 + 4C_{xy}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (16)$$

Equations (14)- (17) were first given by Lehmann [4], but their consequences were not fully explored. The corresponding transformation of  $H_{bb}$  yields a form identical with equation (15), apart from the obvious substitution of  $b$  for  $a$  throughout, and the sign of  $\eta$ , which specifies the orientation of the transformed axes is reversal. Fig. 1, which is derived from data in table 2 below, illustrates the two axis tilted states for the  $|nm\pm, v_2\rangle = |40\pm, 1\rangle$  states of  $H_2S$ . The effective  $A$  and  $B$  constants, given

by equation (16) are  $1\,0.2007\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $8.5689\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively and the tilting angle, given by equation (15) is  $30.95^\circ$ .

The conclusion is that the  $H_{22}$  resonance term, which couples vibrational states of different symmetry in normal mode theory, can be transformed by local mode arguments to appear as an additional contribution to the specific rotational asymmetry  $(A - B)_{eff}$ . All rotational states are also seen to be exactly doubly degenerate in the local mode limit; although the eigenfunctions of  $\hat{H}_{aa}$  and  $\hat{H}_{bb}$  will be shown below to differ by virtue of the difference in sign attached to the tilting angle  $\eta$ . This result also has a physically appealing interpretation in the sense that the 'normal' contribution  $(A_v - B_v)$  to  $(A - B)_{eff}$  may be associated with deviations of the bend angle from  $90^\circ$ , because a rigid symmetric species with orthogonal bonds is an accidental symmetric top. Equations (10) and (12) show that the additional term  $C_{xy}^2$  in equation (16) arises from a difference in mean squared displacements between the two bonds.

One must of course recognize that even the slightest deviation from strict local mode behavior will restore the proper symmetry or antisymmetry of the eigenstates. Hence it is convenient to express the eigenstates in the  $J^{(a)}$  and  $J^{(b)}$  representation to those in the original symmetrical  $J$  representation. To this end it may be noted from equation (13) that

$$\hat{J}_\pm^{(a)} = \hat{J}_x^{(a)} \pm i \hat{J}_y^{(a)} = e^{\pm i\eta} J_\pm \quad (17a)$$

while

$$\hat{J}_\pm^{(b)} = \hat{J}_x^{(b)} \pm i \hat{J}_y^{(b)} = e^{\mp i\eta} J_\pm \quad (17b)$$

Thus the phase modified basis functions

$$|J K\rangle_a = e^{i\eta K} |J K\rangle \quad (18a)$$

$$|J K\rangle_b = e^{i\eta K} |J K\rangle \quad (18b)$$

may be verified to satisfy the normal angular momentum relations.

$$\begin{aligned} J_z^{(i)} |J K\rangle_i &= K |J K\rangle_i \\ J_\pm^{(i)} |J K\rangle_i &= [J(J+1) - K(K \mp 1)]^{\frac{1}{2}} |J K \mp 1\rangle_i \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

for  $i = a, b$ . Consequently the eigenfunctions of  $\hat{H}_{aa}$  and  $\hat{H}_{bb}$  may both be expressed in the form

$$|J K_a K_c\rangle_i = \sum_K C_{K\sigma} |J K \sigma\rangle_i \quad (20)$$

where the coefficients  $c_{K\sigma}$  are independent of  $i$  and  $|JK\sigma\rangle_i$  are the appropriate Wang combinations

$$\begin{aligned} |J K \sigma\rangle_a &= (|J K\rangle_a + (-1)^\sigma |J -K\rangle_a) / (1 + \delta_{K0})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \cos(\eta K) |J K \sigma\rangle - i \sin(\eta K) |J K \sigma - 1\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (21a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |J K \sigma\rangle_b &= (|J K\rangle_b + (-1)^\sigma |J -K\rangle_b) / (1 + \delta_{K0})^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \cos(\eta K) |J K \sigma\rangle - i \sin(\eta K) |J K \sigma + 1\rangle \end{aligned} \quad (21b)$$

The second line of equations (210) and (21b) have been derived with the help of equations (18a) and (18b).  $K_c$  in equation (20) is equal to the  $K$  value of the leading term of the sum and  $K_a$  is even or odd according to the evenness or oddness of  $(J + K_c + \sigma)$ . Finally it remains to symmetrize the theory by combining equations (21a) and (21b) with appropriate vibrational factors  $|a\rangle = |nm\rangle$  and  $|b\rangle = |mn\rangle$ . The resulting symmetry adapted local vibrational-rotational eigenstates take the form

$$\begin{aligned} |J K_a K_c; \pm\rangle &= \sum_K C_{K\sigma} [|JK\sigma\rangle_a |nm\rangle \pm |JK\sigma\rangle_b |mn\rangle] / \sqrt{2} \\ &= \sum_K C_{K\sigma} [\cos(\eta K) |J K \sigma\rangle |nm\pm\rangle \\ &\quad + i \sin(\eta K) |J K \sigma + 1\rangle |nm\mp\rangle] \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where  $|nm\pm\rangle$  are the symmetry adapted vibrational states

$$|nm\pm\rangle = (|a\rangle \pm |b\rangle) / \sqrt{2} = (|nm\rangle \pm |mn\rangle) / \sqrt{2} \quad (23)$$

Equation (22) is one of the main results of the theory.

Notice that the symmetrical form of equation (22) clearly separates the axis switching terms in  $\eta K$  from the rotational basis functions  $|JK\sigma\rangle$  which are quantized in the symmetrical  $(x, y, z)$  axis frame. Consequently the spectroscopic absorption intensities may be estimated in terms of normal Honl-London factors. Transitions from the ground vibrational state, denoted by  $|0\rangle$ , to the  $|nm+\rangle$  and  $|nm-\rangle$  states are polarised in the  $y$  and  $x$  direction respectively. Hence the dipole transition matrix elements may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | \mu | nm+\rangle &= \mu_B \hat{y} \\ \langle 0 | \mu | nm-\rangle &= \mu_A \hat{x} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{y}$  are the angular parts of the transition amplitudes. When combined with the form of the ground rotational eigenstate

$$|J'' K_a'' K_c''\rangle = \sum_{K''} C_{K''\sigma''} |J'' K'' \sigma''\rangle \quad (25)$$

equations (22) - (25) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J'' K_a'' K_c''; 0 | \mu | J K_a K_c; +\rangle &= \sum_{K, K''} C_{K\sigma} C_{K''\sigma''} [\mu_B c \langle J'' K'' \sigma'' | \hat{y} | J K \sigma \rangle \\ &\quad + \mu_A s \langle J'' K'' \sigma'' | \hat{x} | J K \sigma + 1 \rangle] \end{aligned} \quad (26a)$$

while

$$\begin{aligned} \langle J'' K_a'' K_c''; 0 | \mu | J K_a K_c; -\rangle &= \sum_{K, K''} C_{K\sigma} C_{K''\sigma''} [\mu_A c \langle J'' K'' \sigma'' | \hat{x} | J K \sigma \rangle \\ &\quad + \mu_B s \langle J'' K'' \sigma'' | \hat{y} | J K \sigma + 1 \rangle], \end{aligned} \quad (26b)$$



where  $c = \cos(\eta K)$  and  $s = \sin(\eta K)$ .

The form of equation (22) also allows a simple estimate of the first order effect of the vibrational off-diagonal operator  $H_{ab}$ , which is assumed for simplicity to be dominated by the local mode splitting term  $\epsilon$  in equation (8c). The present assumption is that these off-diagonal terms are necessarily small compared with  $d_{13}$  but they could nevertheless be large compared with the asymmetry splitting of the high  $K_c$  rotational eigenvalues.

Bearing in mind that the vibrational operator  $\hat{G}_v$  is diagonal in the symmetrised local mode states,

$$\langle nm+ | \hat{G}_v | nm+ \rangle = - \langle nm- | \hat{G}_v | nm- \rangle = \epsilon \quad (27)$$

and that  $|JK\sigma\rangle$  and  $|JK\sigma'\rangle$  in equation (22) are orthogonal, the first order corrections to the energies of the previously degenerate rotational-vibrational states  $|JK_a K_c; \pm\rangle$  are thereby deduced to be

$$\begin{aligned} \langle JK_a K_c; \pm | \hat{G}_v | JK_a K_c; \pm \rangle &= \pm \epsilon \sum_K C_{K\sigma}^2 (\cos^2(\eta K) - \sin^2(\eta K)) \\ &= \pm \epsilon \sum_K C_{K\sigma}^2 \cos(2\eta K) \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

In other words the axis tilting, which is measured by the angle  $\eta$ , serves to quench the local mode splitting from its purely vibrational value. The possibility of such local mode enhancement by rotation was first suggested by Lehmann [4]. Wang and Zhu [26] reach similar conclusions for  $H_2S$  in the  $I^r$  representation by performing less physically transparent rotations about the  $y$  axis.

### III. Implications of the model

The above axis tilting model is not primarily offered as a new computational tool, because for example the effects of centrifugal terms have been omitted. The intention is rather to provide a new framework for the interpretation of computational and experimental results.

The first consideration in the local mode limit is that the rotational analysis of excited  $q_1$  and  $q_3$  states be carried forward *equivalently* either with or without a constraint to impose  $C_{2v}$  symmetry. The resulting parameters in the former case will be ‘normal’ rotational constants  $A_v$ ,  $B_v$  and  $C_v$  and a Coriolis resonance parameter  $C_{xy}$  (or  $C_{xz}$  in  $I^r$  rotation). The second approach on the other hand will yield only three rotational parameters  $\frac{1}{2}(A_v + B_v)$ ,  $C_v$  and an asymmetry term  $(A - B)_{eff}$ , given according to equation (16) by

$$(A - B)_{eff} = [(A_v - B_v)^2 + 4C_{xy}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (29)$$

Strict double degeneracy in all rotational-vibrational energy levels is also predicted in the local mode limit.

A second implication of the theory is that the loss of information inherent in a three parameter simple vibrational state analysis as distinct from a four parameter

coupled vibrational one, can in principle be remedied by a careful intensity analysis, because equations (26a) and (26b) show that the transition amplitudes are modified by terms dependent on the axis tilting angle  $\eta$ , which depends according to (15) on the ratio of  $C_{xy}$  to  $(A_v - B_v)$ .

The final conclusion is that the introduction of a vibrational energy splitting between the two 10GII mode states, which is small compared with the anharmonic resonance parameter  $C_{xy}$ , will serve to lift the rotational-vibrational degeneracy of all other states in accordance with the formula in (29). It would be interesting to find cases in which  $\eta$  could be deduced by use of equation (29).

One should also notice that a fully coupled version of the theory could be obtained by including the vibrationally off-diagonal operator  $\hat{H}_{ab}$  given by equation (8c). The necessary matrix elements would however involve phase factors  $e^{\pm 2i\eta K}$  arising from overlap between  $|JK\rangle_a$  and  $|JK\rangle_b$ , as given by (18a) and (18b). The hermitian character of the resulting Hamiltonian matrix is therefore computationally less convenient than the conventional real normal mode form.

## IV. Local mode axis tilting in $H_2S$

The local mode character of the overtone bands of  $H_2S$  is well attested on the basis of the 30 different analysed bands [14-21]. In particular the local mode splittings for the  $|nm\pm; v_2\rangle = |30\pm; 0\rangle$  and  $|30\pm; 1\rangle$  states at  $7576\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $8697\text{cm}^{-1}$  are reported [22] as  $0.163\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $0.013\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively, while these for the corresponding  $140\pm; v_2 >$  states at  $9911\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $11009\text{cm}^{-1}$  are less than  $0.001\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The  $\alpha_-$  values derived from a global fit of the analysed bands ( $\alpha^{(a)} = -0.016$ ,  $\alpha^{(b)} = 0.016$  and  $\alpha^{(c)} = 0.008\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) are also small enough to justify neglect of the off-diagonal operator  $H_{ab}$  in equation (8c), compared with  $C_{xy} \simeq 0.5 - 0.6\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Experimental details of the bands which are discussed below are listed in table 2.

As a direct test of the theory in section 2, the previously reported  $|40\pm; 0\rangle$  and  $|40\pm; 1\rangle$  bands (corresponding to (301)-(202) and (311)-(212) in conventional notation) [22] were reanalysed in the  $III'$  representation, both as resonantly coupled interacting pairs and as isolated hybrid bands. The derived spectroscopic parameters are given in table 2. It is evident that the quality of the fit is, if anything, slightly better for the isolated state analysis, despite the reduction from 10 to 9 parameters. The isolated state  $A$  and  $B$  rotational constants are also seen to be well approximated by the estimated values of parent species, which were derived from the  $A_v$ ,  $B_v$  and  $C_{xy}$  constants by means of equation (16). Finally the remaining parameters differ by only a few percent in going from one form of analysis to the other.

It is also interesting to perform a similar comparison between 'interacting state' and 'isolated state' analyses in the  $I'$  representation, which is normally preferred for  $H_2X$  species. Relevant data for the  $|40\pm; 1\rangle$  and  $|50\pm; 0\rangle$  (or (311)-(212) and (203)-(302)) energy levels with  $J \leq 8$  are given in table 3; more extensive data for these local mode pairs will be published elsewhere [28]. Notice that the assignments are much more straightforward in the isolated band picture because the energy increases monotonically with increasing  $K_a$ , whereas there are numerous examples of inverted level positions when the states are treated as interacting pairs. The resulting spec-

troscopic parameters in table 4 again show that the isolated band analyses achieve a better fit to the (311)-(212) bands with one fewer parameter, and an equally good fit for the (302)-(203) bands with nine fewer parameters (assuming that four levels that are perturbed by dark states [23] and poorly determined levels with  $J \leq 11$  were excluded from the fit). Estimated  $A_{eff}$  and  $B_{eff}$  constants, obtained by substituting  $C_{xz}$  for  $C_{xy}$  in equation (16) are in excellent agreement with the optimised values for the isolated state fit to the (311)-(212) band, and also with the corresponding entries given for the  $III'$  analysis in table 2. The agreement is less good for the (302)-(203) band, possibly due to the assumed influence of perturbations during the fit [23]. The final observation is that the ‘interacting state’ analyses lead to drastically different values for the distortion constants, when the analysis is performed in the  $I'$  representation, whereas only minor changes occurred in the  $III'$  representation.

In comparing the two representations, it is seen, as expected, that the *rms* deviations for (311)-(212) band is smaller in the  $I'$  than in the  $III'$  representation. On the other hand the rationale for the isolated band, axis tilting, analysis is much clearer from the  $III'$  viewpoint. Secondly the relative insensitivity of the distortion constants to changes between the ‘interacting state’ and ‘isolated state’ pictures in the  $III'$  representation, suggests that these constants have greater physical significance than those obtained by the  $I'$  fitting procedure.

## V. Conclusions

Previously known local mode transformations to the conventional normal mode rotation-vibrational Hamiltonian [25] have been extended, by transformation to the  $III'$  representation, to show that the conventional Coriolis coupled rotational analysis between two degenerate vibrational states (in the local mode limit,) is equivalent to two degenerate isolated state analyses applicable to molecules with  $C_s$  symmetry, with inertial axes tilted either clockwise or anticlockwise with respect to the equilibrium symmetry axes. Equations (15) and (16) give expressions for the angle of tilt,  $\eta$ , and the effective  $A$  and  $B$  constants for the isolated state analysis, in terms of the conventional  $A_v, B_v$  rotational and  $C_{xy}$  resonance constants. The angle of tilt is also related to the difference between mean squared vibrational amplitudes of the two bonds. Local mode type expression for the vibrational-rotational wavefunctions are given in equation (22) and used to derive formulae for the  $A$  type and  $B$  type transition amplitudes of the hybrid bands in terms of the angle of tilt and conventional Honl-London factors. A further result, given in equation (29), is that the vibrational-rotational level splittings are predicted to be quenched from their purely vibrational values in a manner dependent on the product  $\eta K_c$ .

Applications of the theory to the (301)-(202) and (302)-(203) bands of  $H_2S$  fully support the above picture. New ‘isolated band’ analyses for the (311)-(212) and (302)-(203) bands were also performed in the traditional  $I'$  representation. The fit to observed data is superior to that obtained by the usual  $H_{22}$  coupled model, and the number of derived parameters is reduced. In comparing the  $I'$  and  $III'$  representations, it found that the former gives a better fit to the data, but that the distortion parameters obtained by the  $I'$  analysis differ (Drastically according to whether the

‘coupled state’ or ‘isolated state’ models were used. By contrast only minor changes to the distortion constants arise in the  $III'$  representation. The conclusion is that the  $I'$  representation is superior for fitting purposes, but that parameters derived from the  $III'$  representation may have greater physical significance.

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# Figure caption

Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the degenerate isolated tilted axis states. The tilting angle  $\eta \sim 31''$  is consistent with the constants  $A_v$ ,  $B_v$  and  $C_{xy}$  for the (3 11) - (212) states of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  in table 2. The large symbol for one of the atoms indicates the more excited bond.

**Table 1**

Vibrational States of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  Studied

Local mode notation $nm \pm v_2$	Resonating Pairs $C_v$ Symmetry	Band Centres $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Ref.	Precision of energies $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Instrument and Resolution
$40 \pm 0$	(301), (202)	9911.	20	0.003	FTS 0.021 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$40 \pm 1$	(311), (212)	11008.	20	<b>0.003</b>	FTS 0.021 $\text{cm}^{-1}$
$50 \pm 0$	(302), (203)	12149.	I 21		diode laser 0.01 $\text{cm}^{-1}$

Table 2

Spectroscopic parameters ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the  $|40_{\pm};0\rangle$  and  $|40_{\pm};1\rangle$  or  $[(30\text{ I}) - (202)]$  and  $[(3\text{ II}) - (212)]$  vibrational states of the  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  molecule from the resonance and nonresonance fitting using a Watson-type III' Hamiltonian

	(301)-(202)	Isolated	Estimated	(3 II)-(212)	Isolated	Estimated
$E_v$	991 1.02470(280)	991 1.02600(260)		11008.69100(230)	11008.69100(210)	
A	9.689976(420)	9.871477(390)	(9.879)	9.980428(42)	10.200505(440)	(10.184)
B	8.539932(420)	8.357874(350)	(8.351)	8.789340(420)	8.5692 11(340)	(8.584)
c	4.4742 15(100)	4.4752867(900)		4.4143399(950)	4.4143973(780)	
$D_k 10^3$	0.78381(150)	0.75940(1 10)		1. 09390(280)	1.0723(140)	
$D_{\kappa} 10^2$	-0.16956(160)	-0.16628(100)		-0.216790(270)	-0.2 1528(140)	
$D_J 10^3$	0.974893(750)	0.96655(1 10)		1. 147299(700)	1. 144248(700)	
$d_k 103$	0.16170(660)	0. 1 594(400)		0. 1386(105)	0.1229(490)	
$d_{\kappa} 103$	0.1 1541(380)	0.09088(290)		0.19802(480)	0.14049(390)	
$C_{xy}$	0.4914878(150)			0.557708(130)		
$J_{\max}$	13	13		13	13	
N levels	141	70		139	70	
N param.	10	9		10	9	
RMS deviation	0.00956	0.00899		0.00697	0.00690	

Table 3

Two methods for the assignment of the experimental rotational energy levels ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  
 $\ominus$  the  $|40\pm,1\rangle$  and  $|50\pm,0\rangle$  or  $[(311), (212), (203)$  and  $(302)]$  vibrational states of the  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  molecule.

J K <sub>a</sub> K <sub>c</sub>	Eobs	Eobs	C <sub>2v</sub> symmetry ( $i^{\pm}$ ) (2 2		dE	Eobs	C <sub>s</sub> symmetry (isolated)		dE	Eobs	C <sub>2v</sub> symmetry (203) (302)		Eobs	C <sub>s</sub> symmetry (isolated)		Eobs	dE
$\ominus \ominus 0$	11008.684					11008.6843	-3			12.49.4603	12149.458		12149.458	-0			
$1 \ominus 1$	11021.669	11021.670				11021.6697	0			12161.9961	1216.9 $\approx$ 37		2161.9937	-1			
$1 \cdot 1$		11023.301				11023.3008	-2			2.63.6868	12163.6868		12.63.6868				
$\ominus$	.027.451	11027.459				11027.4573	2			12167.4002	2.67.4003		2167.4009	-1			
$2 0 2$	1045.107	1045	5			1044.7 $\approx$ 6	-2			12.85 $\ominus$ 359	12.35 $\ominus$ 342		2.84.5773	-4			
$2 1 2$	1044.711		6			11045.1116	1			12.84.5736	2184.5773		12185.0342	-3			
$2$	11057.555					11057.5557	0			12196.1830	2.96.878		2196.878	6			
$2 2$	1062.44	11062.440				11062.4430	-5			12201.2424	220.2452		12201.2452	0			
$2 2 \ominus$	11065.355					11065.3574	2			2203.7256	2203.7200		12203.7200	-5			
$3 0 \approx$	11076.336	11076.335				1076.27	-1			122.5.7963	122.5.7929		12215.7130	0			
$3 1 3$	11076.272	11076.270				1076.3359	1			22.5.7 $\ominus$	12215.7 $\approx$ 0		12215.7929	1			
$3 1 2$	1099.518	11099.517				1099.5178	0			2238.8084	12238.8037		12236.7344	6			
$\approx 2 2$	$\ominus$ .349	11101.356				11101.3519	-1			12236.7424	2236.7344		12238.8037	-8			
$3 2 1$	.604	11111.604				.6043	-2			2247.754	2247.7583		2247.7583	11			
$3 3$	1112.2 $\approx$ 3	11121.299				1112.2 $\approx$ 33	-2			12257.7638	12257.769		12257.7691	-1			
$3 3 \ominus$	122.980	11122.979				22.9800	-1			2259.1012	2259.024		12259.1024	-4			
$4 \ominus 4$	6.5 $\ominus$	11116.506				11116.5065	3				12255.4946		12255.4880	-3			
$4 1 4$	116.506	11116.510				6.5105	0				12255.4880		2255.4946	-8			
$4$	5 $\ominus$ 65	11150.641				50.2400	4			12286.7393	12286.7390			13			
$4 2 3$	50.232	11150.237				50.6508	1			12286.2227	12286.2264		12286.7390	0			
$4 2 2$	76.5					71.6721	1			12310.757	12310.7599		2305.3847	12			
$4 3 2$	7.665	11171.672				76.5123	-4			12305.37.6	2305.3847		12310.7599	-2			
$4 3$	84.65	11184.166				84.67	-0			12317.369	12317.354		12317.1354	-1			
$4 4$	1199 $\approx$ 57	11199.955				99.9555	-1			2333.4	7		12333.4079	2			
$4 4 \ominus$	200.778	11200.783				1200.7734	-0			2334 $\ominus$ 6	12334 $\ominus$ .50		12334 $\ominus$ 50	6			
$5 \ominus 5$	65.524	11165.524				65.52	2				12304 $\ominus$ 392		2304.0392	0			
$5$	11165.524	11165.524				65.52	1										
$5$	11209.286					209.21	9			12344.0479	12344.0426		12343.9452	4			
$5$	11209.210					11209.2880	7			12343.9454	2343.9452		12344.0426	4			
$5 2 4$	11243.297	1243.293				1241.75.6	-10			2375.2349	12375.2390		12373.3790**				
$5 2 3$	11241.756	11241.753				1243.2358	3			2373 $\approx$ 723	12373.3790		12375.2390	-5			
$5 \approx 2$	27 $\ominus$ 732	11270.721				11261.304	-7			12401.0633	12401.0666		12390.6598	-5			
$5 4 2$	1126.18					270.73	3			12390.6535	2390.6598		12401.0666	-8			
$5 4$	11275.775	11275.765				11275.7697	-2			12405 $\ominus$ 79	2404 $\approx$ 975		12404.9975	-12			
$5 5$	11298.449	11298.449				298.4480	1			2428.2442	12428.2398		12428.2398	2			



Table 3 (continued)

5	5	0	11298.811	11298.809	11298.8089	2	12428.4895	12428.4859	12428.4859	6
6	0	6	11223.333	11223.333	11223.3354	-1	12361.3717		"12361.3659	-6
6	1	6	11223.333	11223.333	11223.3354	-1		12361.3659	12361.3717	-1
6	1	5	11276.817	11276.819	11276.8184	7		12410.2618	12410.2585	14
6	2	5	11276.819	11276.817	11276.8184	-1		12410.2585	12410.2618	2
6	24		11320.100				12449.8293	12449.8175	12449.3636	-11
6	3	4	11319.744	11319.744	11320.0998**		12449.3651	12449.3636	12449.8175	-11
6	3	3	11354.269	11354.262	11350.2448	-4	12481.3684	12481.3780	12476.5408	-15
64	3		11350.243	11350.247	11354.2711	9		12476.5408	12481.3780	0
64	2		11384.114		11368.4030	5	12509.9425	12509.9423	12493.0830	13
6	5	2	11368.402	11368.403	11384.1134	-7	12493.0816	12493.0830	12509.9423	-1
6	5	1	11387.009		11387.0198	3	12512.0324	12512.0307	12512.0307	2
6	6	1		11416.738	11416.7372	2	12542.3038	12542.3041	12542.3041	-4
6	60		11416.881		11416.8797	-0	12542.3952	12542.4009	12542.4009	2
7	07		11289.949	11289.949	11289.9534	2		12427.4965	12427.4843	-5
7	1	7	11289.949	11289.949	11289.9534	2	12427.4843		12427.4965	6
7	1	6	11353.152	11353.152	11353.1529	-3		12485.2758	12485.2787	8
7	2	6	11353.152	11353.152	11353.1529	-5	12485.2787		12485.2758	3
7	2	5			11405.9555	0		12533.6118	12533.5294	0
7	3	5	11405.953				12533.5193	12533.5294	12533.6118	-2
7	3	4			11447.6106**			12572.7779	12571.2726	4
7	4	4	11447.610					12571.2726	12572.7779	10
7	4	3			11475.3738	5		12605.3499	12605.3499**	
7	5	2						12637.5655	12637.5655**	
7	6	2			11516.7720	-2				
7	6	1			11518.2451	3		12638.6048	12638.6048**	
7	7	1	11554.720		11554.7187	-5	12675.6536	12675.6453	12675.6453	-1
7	7	0		11554.786	11554.7847	5		12675.6787	12675.6787	0
8	0	8	11365.350	11365.350	11365.3511	0				
8	1	8	11365.350	11365.350	11365.3511	0		12502.3755	12502.3755	-3
8	1	7	11438.263	11438.263	11438.2675	-1	12569.0563		12569.0434	-2
8	2	7	11438.263	11438.263	11438.2675	-1		12569.0434	12569.0563	10
8	2	6					12626.2254	12626.2199	12626.2199	-1
8	3	6	11500.728					12626.2201	12626.2201	-15
8	3	5						12673.9107	12673.5502	-10
8	4	5						12673.5502	12673.9107	6

\*) Rotational energy levels for C2V assignment were taken from Ref. 20 for (311) and (2 12) states and from Ref. 21 for (203) and (302) states.

dE=(E<sub>obs</sub>-E<sub>calc</sub>)x 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup> for Cs symmetry energy levels

\*\* - Levels were excluded from the fitting.

Table 4

Spectroscopic parameters ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the  $|40_{\pm}; 1\rangle$  and  $|50_{\pm}; 0\rangle$  or  $[(3-1)-(212)$  and  $(203)-(302)]$  vibrational states of the  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  molecule from resonance and nonresonance fitting using a Watson-type I' Hamiltonian

	(311)-(212) ref.[20]	Isolated	Estimated	(302)-(203) ref. [21]	Isolated	Estimated
E	11008.6836	11008.68747(130)		12149.4580	12149.45744(280)	
$A_v$	9.92916	10.202834(380)	(10,20125	9.4749975	9.819851(790)	(9.71755)
$B_v$	8.84191	8.570033(1 10)	(8.56981)	8.471912	8.128625(300)	(8.22935)
$C''$	4.41553	4.4138781(330)		4.4111438	4.409495(130)	
$D_k 10'$	0.4067	0.12893(230)		0.4443236	0.03337(450)	
$D_{jk} 10^4$	-23.682	-0.8027(420)		-26.12636	6.735(160)	
$D_j 10^3$	0.65609	0.449906(280)		0.575537	0.27681(120)	
$d_k 10'$	-0.06	0.78487(250)		-0.439822	0.6281(100)	
$d, 10'$	0.29705	0.193521(150)		0.2547141	0.104021(760)	
$H_k 10^5$	0.283	0.3381(300)		0.46069	0.7920(610)	
$h_k 10^5$				0.1229	-0.3643(490)	
$C_{xz}$	0.608171			0.549675		
$J_{\max}$	9	14		14	11	
N levels	129 (for both states)	84		128 (for both states)	77	
N param.	9	10		20	11	
RMS deviation	<b>0.005</b>	<b>0.0038</b>		<b>0.0074</b>	<b>0.0074</b>	

